

Weighlock Building  
Erie Blvd. East & Montgomery St.  
Syracuse  
Onondaga County  
New York

HABS No. NY-5451

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
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Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York	COUNTY Onondaga	TOWN OR VICINITY Syracuse
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Weighlock Building		HABS NO. NY-5451
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Erie Blvd East & Montgomery St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1849-50	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A unique building at the junction of the Erie Canal and the Oswego branch, built for collecting tolls and inspecting boats. The third such structure on this site, housed weighing lock with scales to determine boat weight		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2½ stories, rectangular, gabled roof, 8 front bays articulated by ground-floor pilasters		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Canal toll abolished, 1883; 1906 scales removed, second floor extended over lock to provide a drafting room for the State's new "Good Roads" program		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Weighing lock operation: After a boat was drawn into the lock, the gates were closed at each end, the water was drained out, and the boat settled onto a massive cradle suspended from the balance beam overhead. Gross weight + cargo recorded, registered weight (empty) subtracted to determine cargo weight		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places		
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